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FOR: ENCAPSULATED SURFACE

WAVE COMPONENT AND COLLECTIVE METHOD FOR

MAKING SAME

AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 28, 2001, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 7-14 without prejudice.

Please amend Claim 1 as shown below in clean form. A mark-up copy of the amended claim is attached.

1. (Twice Amended) A surface acoustic wave component comprising:

a piezoelectric substrate having a surface including at least one active surface;

at least two internal conductive contacts disposed on a face of the piezoelectric

substrate;

a first layer located on the face of the piezoelectric substrate and having a hollowed out portion at least to a level of the at least one active surface;

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